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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5591

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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA- COMMITTEE ONE VOTE ON HOSTILE
RESOLUTION ON KOREA

REF: USUN 5462

1. IN 1914 IN UNGA COMMITTEE ONE, THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION
ON KOREA WAS DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: IN FAVOR 48;
AGAINST 48 (US); ABSTAIN 38. IN 1975 IN COMMITTEE ONE,
THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED: IN FAVOR 51;
AGAINST 38 (US); ABSTAIN 50.

2. IN 1975, THE COMMUNIST-SPONSORED RESOLUTION LOST
FIVE (5) OF THE VOTES CAST IN ITS FAVOR IN 1974:

JAMAICA (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN)

KUWAIT 1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN)

NIGER (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN

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SIERRA LEONE (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN)

UGANDA (1974 IN FAVOR; 1975 ABSTAIN)

3. IN 1975, THE COMMUNIST - SPONSORED RESOLUTION GOT EIGHT (8)

FAVORABLE VOTES IT DID NOT HAVE IN 1974:

BURMA (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 IN FAVOR)

CAMBODIA (1974 AGAINST; 1975 IN FAVOR)

CAPE VERDE (NEW MEMBER IN 1975)

ETHIOPIA (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 IN FAVOR)

LAOS (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 IN FAVOR)

MOZAMBIQUE (NEW MEMBER IN 1975)

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (NEW MEMBER IN 1975)

U.R. CAMEROON (1974 ABSTAIN ; 1975 IN FAVOR)

4. IN 1975, OUR SIDE LOST FOURTEEN (14) NEGATIVE VOTES

CAST IN 1974 AGAINST THE COMMUNIST-SPONSORED RESOLUTION:

AUSTRALIA (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

BRAZIL(1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

CHAD (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

GABON (974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

GREECE (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

IRAN (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

IVORY COST (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

KHMER REPUBLIC (1974 AGAINST; 1975 IN FAVOR)

LESOTHO (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

LIBERIA (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

PANAMA (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSENT)

PHILIPPINES (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

THAILAND (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

TURKEY (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

VENEZUELA (1974 AGAINST; 1975 ABSTAIN)

5. IN 1975 THE FRIENDLY SIDE GOT FIVE (5) NEW NEGATIVE

VOTES AGAINST THE COMMUNIST - SPONSORED RESOLUTION:

BAHAMAS (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 AGAINST)

FRANCE (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 AGAINST)

MALAWI (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 AGAINST)

NORWAY (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 AGAINST)

SPAIN (1974 ABSTAIN; 1975 AGAINST)

6. ADDITIONALLY, THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ABSTAINED ON THE
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HOSTILE RESOLUTION BOTH IN 1974 AND 1975:

AFGHANISTAN, ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BAHARAIN, BANGLADESH,

BHUTAN, CYPRUS, ECUADOR, FIJI, FINLAND, INDIA, INDONESIA,

JORDAN, KENYA, LEBANON, MALAYSIA, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, MOROCCO,

NEPAL, PALISTAN, PERU, PORTUGAL, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN,

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ZAIRE.

7. COMMENT:

(A) FAVORABLE VOTES LOST BY THE HOSTILE SIDE (JAMAICA, KUWAIT, NIGER, SIERRA LEONE AND UGANDA) TO A LARGE DEGREE REFLECTED SUCCESSFUL LOBBYING BY OUR SIDE.

(B) FIVE OF THE EIGHT NEW FAVORABLE VOTES GAINED BY THE HOSTILE SIDE (CAMBODIA, LAOS, MOZAMBIQUE, CAPE VERDE, SAOTOME AND PRINCIPE) REFLECTED COMMUNIST TAKE-OVERS IN ASIA OR EMERGENCE OF LEFTIST OR LEFT-LEANING GOVERNMENTS IN NEW AFRICA MEMBER STATES. THE OTHER THREE (U.MR. OF CAAMEROON, ETHIOPIA, AND BURMA) ARE LESS EASILY ATTRIBUTED, BUT COULD REFLECT HOSTILE PRESSURES.

(C) THE FRIENDLY SIDES LARGELY UNEXPECTED LOSS OF FOURTEEN NEGATIVE 1974 VOTES AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION MUST BE VONSIDERED THE KEY FACTOR IN THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION'S 1975 SUCCESS (AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CHAD, GABON, GREECE, IRAN, IVORY COAST, KHMER REPUBLIC, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, TURKEY).

(D) ON OCTOBER 22, AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCED EMPHATICALLY IN COMMITTEE ONE DEBATE THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THEREFORE, ITS SUDDEN SWITCH(IN THE FACE OF NORTH KOREAN PRESSURE) TO ABSTENTION IN THE OCTOBER 29 VOTE DREW GASPS OF INCREDULITY AND SURPRISE. HOWEVER, EVEN BEFORE AUSTRALIA'S VOTE (THE ROLL-CALL BEGAN WITH SAUDI ARABIA), ABSTENTIONS BY THAILAND, TURKEY AND VENEZUELA HAD KEYED A MOST UNHELPFUL NOTE. ADDITIONALLY, PANAMA HAD BEEN ABSENT THROUGHOUT THE VOTING. (FURTHERMORE, THE U.R. OF CAMEROON, IN A SUDDEN DEPARTURE FROM LAST YEAR'S POSTURE OF ABSTENTION, MADE A POLEMICAL EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE HAND, ANNOUNCING SUPPORT FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND OPPOSITION TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION).

(E) FOLLOWING TURKEY'S ABSTENTION, IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT GREECE, ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING CYPRUS DEBATE, FOLLOWED SUIT. IRAN, HAVING RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS AND DESIRING TO MAINTAIN "BALANCE", HAD NOT

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COMMITTED ITSELF TO A VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, BUT HAD INDICATED IT MIGHT DO SO WERE THE VOTE EXTREMELY CLOSE. THE ASEANS HELD HOPES OF HELPING TO EFFECT A COMPROMISE AND, AT LEAST ONE OF THE ASEANS, WAS THREATENED BY THE NORTH KOREANS. HENCE, FOLLOWING THAILAND'S EARLY AND DISAPPOINTING ABSTENTION, THE PHILIPPINES' ABSTENTION NEAR THE END OF THE VOTE MAY HAVE REFLECTED DESIRE TO MAINTAIN ASEAN COHESION AT A TIME WHEN ITS VOTE COULD NOT AFFECT THE OUTCOME. LOSS OF NEGATIVE VOTES AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION FROM GABON, IVORY COAST, LESOTHO AND LIBERIA WERE FURTHER SHOCKS. LESOTHO HAS EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO "CONFUSION" IT PUSHED THE WRONG BUTTON. LIBERIA HAS A CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. THIS MAY EXPLAIN LIBERIA'S ABSTENTION LATE IN THE VOTING AFTER THE GAME WAS CLEARLY LOST.

8. IN COMPARISON WITH 1974, WE LOST SUPPORT AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

AF - ETHIOPIA, U.R. OF CAMEROON, CHAD, GABON, IVORY COAST, LESOTHO, LIBERIA

ARA - BRAZIL, PANAMA, VENEZUELA

EA - AUSTRALIA, BURMA, LAOS, CAMBODIA, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND

EUR - TURKEY, GREECE

NEA - IRAN

USUN RECOMMENDS THAT THESE COUNTRIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAMBODIA, AND LAOS BE URGED TO IMPROVE THEIR VOTE IN PLENARY.

9. WE GAINED SUPPORT AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

AF - MALAWI, NIGER, SIERRA LEONE, UGANDA

ARA - BAHAMAS, JAMAPCA

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EUR - FRANCE, NORWAY, SPAIN

NEA - KUWAIT

USUN RECOMMENDS THAT THESE COUNTRIES BE ENCOURAGED, AS APPROPRIATE, TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THEIR SUPPORT IN PLENARY.

10. OF THE 30 COUNTRIES ABSTAINING IN BOTH 1974 AND 1975, AUSTRIA, INDONESIA, KENYA, MAURITIUS, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, AND SWEDEN PARTICULARLY SUGGEST THEMSELVES AS WORTHY OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OPPOSE THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN PLENARY. MAURITIUS HAD PROMISED USDEL A "NO" VOTE JUST BEFORE THE MEETING BUT ABSTAINED WHEN THE VOTE CAME. MOYNIHAN UNQUOTE.

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